# Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.										
Local Unit of Government Type							Local Unit Nar			County
County City Twp Village Fiscal Year End Opinion Date		⊠Other	Delta Area	Transit Authority		Delta				
l			30, 2006		Opinion Date Novembe	r 21, 2006		Date Audit Report Submitted January 22, 2006	d to State	
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We a	/e are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.									
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8.	X							y with statutory requiremen		· ·
9.	X		The local Audits of	The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).						
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended September 30, 2006

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the Delta Area Transit Authority

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Delta Area Transit Authority as of September 30, 2006, and the related statement of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Transit's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Delta Area Transit Authority as of September 30, 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 21, 2006 on our consideration of the Delta Area Transit Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

To the Board of Directors of the Delta Area Transit Authority

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Delta Area Transit Authority taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Andrewon Nachware Company P.L.C.
Certified Public Accountants

November 21, 2006

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30, 2006

## <u>ASSETS</u>

CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and equivalents Accounts receivable State grants receivable Federal grants receivable Prepaid expenses Inventory	\$ 41,240 30,289 3,768 48,357 8,347 12,022
TOTAL CURRENT	ASSETS 144,023
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, less accumulated depreciation of \$1,489,857	815,168
	<u>\$ 959,191</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Accrued payroll, taxes and fringes Due to federal government Deferred revenue - Unused T2R tickets	\$ 31,478 10,797 5,533 4,519
TOTAL CURRENT LIABI	LITIES <u>52,327</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES: Accrued fringe benefits: Vacation leave Personal and bereavement time	12,046 12,742
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABI	LITIES <u>24,788</u>
NET ASSETS:	LITIES
Unrestricted contributed capital: State & Federal Local Unrestricted	810,754 39 71,283
TOTAL NET .	ASSETS <u>882,076</u>
	<u>\$ 959,191</u>

# STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Operating revenues		\$ 383,091
Operating expenses		(1,027,852)
	OPERATING LOSS	(644,761)
Nonoperating revenues		490,786
	DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(153,975)
Net assets, beginning of year		1,036,051
	NET ASSETS. END OF YEAR	\$ 882 076

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from operating activities	\$ 390,355
Cash payments for operating activities	(862,339)
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NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(471,984)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING	
ACTIVITIES:	
Operating grants received	483,837
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Sale of fixed assets	5,200
Acquisition of fixed assets	(7,413)
Capital contributed by state, federal &	
local sources	<u>7,413</u>
NEW CARLED BOLLED BY CARTELL AND	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY CAPITAL AND	
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	5,200
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest received	3 200
NET INCREASE IN	1,296
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	18,349
CHOIL HAD DOLVALIDATE	10,342
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	22,891
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CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 41,240
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET	
CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating loss	\$ (644,761)
Adjustments to reconcile operating	
loss to net cash used by operating	
activities:	
Depreciation	184,934
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in receivables	5,383
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	1,356
Increase (decrease) in payables	(12,805)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues	1,881
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll & fringes	(274)
Increase (decrease) in accrued fringe benefits	(7,698)
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NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ (471,984</u> )

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2006

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Delta Area Transit Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to nonprofit entities. The Delta Area Transit Authority was formed in September of 1989 as a nonprofit corporation to provide public transportation throughout the Delta County area. It is governed by a separately appointed board of directors and is not a component unit of Delta County. Other significant policies are as follows:

- (1) <u>Basis of Accounting</u> Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The Transit maintains its accounting records on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.
- (2) <u>Inventories</u> Inventory consists of replacement parts and is valued at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis. Office supplies and fuel are expensed when purchased.
- (3) Accounts Receivable The Transit follows the direct write-off method in recognizing uncollectible accounts. An allowance for bad debts has not been established because the amount is considered to be immaterial. Receivables are written off on a policy based on how recently payments have been received.
- (4) <u>Fixed Assets and Depreciation</u> Fixed assets are stated at cost when purchased. Costs relating to maintenance and repairs are charged to expenses, whereas those for renewals and betterment, when significant in amount, are capitalized. Assets purchased with Federal and/or State grants are capitalized regardless of amount. Provisions for depreciation of equipment are computed on the straight-line method. Depreciation rates are designed to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. Ranges of useful lives, by asset class, are as follows:

Vehicles4 - 7 yearsEquipment3 - 10 yearsLand Improvements10 yearsBuildings20 years

(5) <u>Taxable Status</u> - The Transit has received a non-profit exemption ruling from the Internal Revenue Service under Code Section 501(c)(3).

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2006

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

- (6) <u>Estimates</u> The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.
- (7) Advertising Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Total advertising expense for the fiscal year was \$20,884. Additionally, \$12,600 of advertising revenue and expense was recorded during the year as a result of barter transactions with local radio stations. This amount is included in the \$20,884 of advertising expense.

### NOTE B - CASH AND EQUIVALENTS

The composition of cash and equivalents as reported on the Balance Sheet are presented below:

Imprest cash \$ 100
Deposits:
Checking account deposits 41,140

TOTAL CASH AND EQUIVALENTS \$ 41,240

State statutes authorize the Transit to deposit and invest in the following:

- a. Bonds and other direct obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- b. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution.
- c. Commercial paper rated at time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
- d. Repurchase agreements consisting of instruments listed in subdivision (a).
- e. Banker's acceptance of United States banks.
- f. Obligations of this state or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2006

#### NOTE B - CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - (continued)

- g. Mutual funds registered under the investment company act of 1940, title I of chapter 686, 54 sat. 789, 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 to 80a-3 and 80a-4 to 80a-64, with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation. However, a mutual fund is not disqualified as a permissible investment solely by reason of any of the following:
  - i) The purchase of securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
  - ii) The ability to lend portfolio securities as long as the mutual fund receives collateral all times equal to at least 100% of the securities loaned.
  - iii) The limited ability to borrow and pledge a like portion of the portfolios' assets for temporary or emergency purposes.
- h. Obligations described in subdivisions (a) through (g) if purchased through an inter-local agreement under the Urban Cooperation of Act 1967, MCL 124.501 to 124.512.
- i. Investment pools organized under the Surplus Funds Investment Pool Act, 1982 PA 367, 129.111 to 129.118.
- j. Investment pools organized under the Local Government Investment Pool Act, MCL 129.141 to 129.150.

Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan.

All deposits are carried at cost, which approximates market value, and are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Risk disclosures for the Transit's cash deposits are as follows:

Deposits			Bank alance	Carrying <u>Amount</u>		
Insured Uninsured		\$	63,510	\$	41,140	
	Total	\$	63,510	\$	41,140	

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2006

## NOTE C - STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

The following is a summary of the state grants receivable as of September 30, 2006:

Act 51 operating assistance - FY 2005 \$ 1,884 - FY 2006 \$ 3,768

## NOTE D - FEDERAL GRANT RECEIVABLE

The following is a summary of the federal grants receivable as of September 30, 2006:

Section 5311 operating
assistance - FY 2005 \$ 2,930
- FY 2006 45,427
\$ 48,357

## NOTE E - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Major classes of property and equipment consist of the following:

	Federal		
	& State	Local	
	Funds	Funds	<u> Total</u>
Vehicles	\$1,181,544	\$ 2,931	\$1,184,475
Equipment	204,920	28,836	233,756
Land & improvements	35,545	-	35,545
Building	846,929	4,320	851,249
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	2,268,938	36,087	2,305,025
Accumulated de-			
preciation	<u>(1,458,184</u> )	<u>(31,673</u> )	<u>(1,489,857</u> )
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$\mathtt{TOTAL}$	\$ 810,754	\$ 4,414	<u>\$ 815,168</u>

Depreciation expense was \$184,934 for the year ended September 30, 2006, of which \$1,774 was on assets purchased with local funds.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2006

## NOTE F - ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION, PERSONAL AND BEREAVEMENT TIME

Vacation leave is earned in varying amounts depending on the number of years of service provided by the employee, along with the average number of hours worked each week. Vacation leave accumulates on the employees hire date anniversary and is not to exceed a total accumulation of 25 days annually. Vacation time may be carried over from year to year, but is not to exceed ten days or eighty hours. Accumulated vacation time is payable for all outstanding days at the employees current rate of pay upon retirement or termination. The amount of accrued vacation time at September 30, 2006 is \$12,046.

Personal and bereavement time accumulates at a rate of four (4) hours per month for a 40 hour employee, three (3) hours per month for a 30 hour employee and two (2) hours per month for a 20 hour employee. The maximum for personal and bereavement leave shall not exceed one hundred and forty (140). Employees will be allowed to convert 25% of their excess personal and bereavement time to their retirement account. The amount of accrued personal and bereavement leave at September 30, 2006 is \$12,742.

#### NOTE G - DUE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The following is a summary of the amount due to the federal government as of September 30, 2006:

Sec.	5311	FY02 FY03	•	2,930 2,603
			\$	<u>5,533</u>

#### NOTE H - CONTRACT FARES

The Delta Area Transit Authority has entered into a contract with the Pathways Mental Health Center for the transportation of it's clients. Under the current agreement Pathways pays the Transit \$4.40 per client trip for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006. The total amount of revenue earned under this contract for the year ended September 30, 2006 was \$143,238.

#### NOTE I - GRANT CONTINGENCIES

Under the terms of federal and state grants, periodic audits are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate under the terms of the grants. Such audits could lead to reimbursements to the grantor agencies. As of September 30, 2006, management is unaware of any such unrecorded liability.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2006

#### NOTE J - BUS SUB-LEASES

During the fiscal year the Transit sub-leased two buses from the State of Michigan. These buses are leased by the State from the lessor and the Transit does not hold title or liability for these buses. As such these financial statements show no asset or depreciation expense for these buses. The Transit is only liable for the operating expenses related to these buses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

OPERATING	REVENUES:

Demand response (farebox)	\$ 136,000
Special contract fares	186,880
Advertising sales	12,600
Maintanance services	1,155
Greyhound income	46,321
Miscellaneous	135

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES \$ 383,091

## SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

	Opera- tions	Mainten- ance	General Adminis- tration	Total System
Labor: Operators' salaries and wages	\$295,401	\$ 31,704	\$ 65,662	\$ 392,767
Fringe benefits	63,864	6,854	14,196	84,914
Services: Advertising fees Audit cost Other services	3,657 - 5,092	- 2,635	17,227 5,000 3,399	20,884 5,000 11,126
Materials and supplies consumed: Fuel and lubricants Tires and tubes Other materials and supplies	82,762 5,483 1,832	2,327 31,580	102 - 4,927	82,864 7,810 38,339
Utilities	8,488	-	8,488	16,976
Insurance costs	46,623	w.	3,224	49,847
Purchased transportation service	90,469	-	***	90,469
Miscellaneous: Travel and meetings Other	217 36,645	-	1,483 1,032	1,700 37,677
Operating leases and rentals	2,545	<del></del>	-	2,545
Depreciation	184,934			184,934
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$828,012	<u>\$ 75,100</u>	\$124,740	\$1,027,852

## SCHEDULE OF NONOPERATING REVENUES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

STATE OF MICHIGAN OPERATING GRANTS: Formula operating assistance (Act 51) FY 00, 01, 02 & 04 adjustment	\$328,084 22,993
FEDERAL OPERATING GRANTS: U.S. Department of Transportation Grant	
Section 5311	125,800
CAPITAL GRANTS	7,413
OTHER: Interest income Gain on sale of vehicle	1,296
Gain on sale of venicle	5,200
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES	<u>\$490,786</u>

## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Balance, beginning of year \$ 985,261

Add: grants received 7,413

992,674

Deduct:
Depreciation of assets purchased from contributed equity (181,920)

BALANCE, END OF YEAR \$ 810,754

# SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL CONTRACTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

GRANTOR: Michigan Department of Transportation

<u>Contract Number</u>	 Grant Amount	eviously Earned	Fo Cu:	ate and ederal rrently Earned	Cu	Local rrently Earned		mount maining
02-0031Z3	\$ 74,252	\$ 66,728	\$	7,413	\$	_	\$	111
02-003126	55,000	52,966		•	·	_	·	2,034
02-0031Z7	88,035	78,011		_		-		10,024
02-0031Z10	35,000	_		***		_		35,000
02-0031Z11	85,000	nau nau		_		_		85,000
02-0031Z14	8,000	_		•••		_		8,000
02-0031Z16	60,000	<u></u>		_		-		60,000
02-0031Z17	 157,466	 _		-		*-	<del></del>	157,466
TOTAL	\$ 562,753	\$ 197,705	\$	7,413	\$	_	\$	<u>357,635</u>

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY CONTRACT AND GENERAL OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

	_0	perating		Total
Labor	\$	392,767	\$	392,767
Fringe benefits		84,914		84,914
Services		37,010		37,010
Materials and supplies		129,013		129,013
Utilities		16,976		16,976
Insurance costs		49,847		49,847
Purchased transportation				
service		90,469		90,469
Miscellaneous		39,377		39,377
Operating leases and rentals		2,545		2,545
Depreciation		184,934		184,934
	1	,027,852	1	,027,852
Less ineligible expenses	<del></del>	(226,841)		(226,841)
TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	\$	801,011	\$	801,011

## NET ELIGIBLE COSTS COMPUTATIONS OF GENERAL OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

	Federal Section 5311	State Operating <u>Assistance</u>
EXPENSES:		
Labor	\$ 392,767	\$ 392,767
Fringe benefits	84,914	84,914
Service	37,010	
Materials and supplies	129,013	129,013
Utilities	16,976	16,976
Insurance costs	49,847	49,847
Purchased transportation service	90,469	90,469
Miscellaneous	39,377	39,377
Operating leases and rentals Depreciation	2,545 184,934	2,545 184,934
pebreciation	104,334	104,334
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,027,852	1,027,852
LESS INELIGIBLE EXPENSES:		
Maintenance services	1,155	1,155
Greyhound expenses	36,645	36,645
Depreciation	183,160	183,160
MPTA Dues	54	54
Audit cost	5,000	
Entertainment and gifts	827	827
TOTAL INELIGIBLE EXPENSES	226,841	221,841
NET ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	\$ 801,011	\$ 806,011
SECTION 5311 CONTRACT PERCENTAGE - 17.0%	<u>\$ 136,172</u>	
MAXIMUM SECTION 5311 REIMBURSEMENT	<u>\$ 125,800</u>	
STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT 39.2545%		<u>\$ 316,395</u>
STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY97 FLOOR		\$ 328,084
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## SCHEDULE OF MILEAGE DATA, VEHICLE HOURS, AND PASSENGERS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

	Public Transpor-		Passengers			
	tation <u>Mileage</u>	Vehicle <u>Hours</u>	Regular	Elderly	Disabled	
DEMAND RESPONSE: First Quarter	81,599	4,553	10,862	1,994	19,376	
Second Quarter	81,854	5,232	7,261	1,994	20,606	
Third Quarter	77,997	4,380	7,123	1,990	16,250	
Fourth Quarter	71,868	4,743	11,378	2,161	15,564	
TOTAL OPERATIONS	313,318	18,908	36,624	<u>8,139</u>	71,796	

The methodology used for compiling mileage has been reviewed and found to be an adequate and reliable method for recording vehicle mileage.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors of the Delta Area Transit Authority Escanaba, Michigan 49829

We have audited the financial statements of the Delta Area Transit Authority, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Transit's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgement could adversely affect the Transit's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the Report to Management dated November 21, 2006.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of the Transit, in a separate letter dated November 21, 2006.

Board of Directors of the Delta Area Transit Authority

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Transit's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Transit, in a separate letter dated November 21, 2006.

This report is intended for the information of the Transit Board, management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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Certified Public Accountants

November 21, 2006

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF AWARDS - FEDERAL AND STATE

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Federal Grantor/Program Title	State Contract Number	CFDA <u>Number</u>	Award Amount
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Passed through MDOT Operating Assistance -			
Section 5311 - FY06 Capital Assistance	02-0031Z15 02-0031Z3	20.509 20.509	\$125,800 74,252
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:			
Operating Assistance - Act 51 - FY06 - FY00, 01, 02 &	-	-	328,084
04 adjustment	<del></del>	-	22,993

TOTAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE

Unexpe Balan 09/30	ce	Federal Revenue	State Revenue	Other <u>Revenue</u>	Expendi- tures	Unexpended Balance 09/30/06
\$		\$ 125,800 5,930	\$ - 1,483	\$ -	\$ 125,800 7,413	\$ - -
	<u>-</u>		328,084 	***	328,084 	<del>-</del>
\$	_	<u>\$ 131,730</u>	<u>\$ 352,560</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 484,290	\$ -

## DETAIL OF INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

	<u> Ineligible Costs</u>			
Ineligible Expense	Section 5311	Act 51		
1. Maintenance Services - During the fiscal year the Transit provided maintenance services for an outside agency. Eligible expenses must be reduced for the costs incurred for revenue earned on outside maintenance services provided.	\$ 1,155	\$ 1,155		
<ol> <li>Greyhound Expense - These expenses are offset and created by a separate revenue service. Consequently these expenses are ineligible for state and federal operating assistance.</li> </ol>	36,645	36,645		
3. <u>Depreciation</u> - Depreciation accrued by public operators is ineligible according to UMTA C9050, 1A, Page V-4.	183,160	183,160		
4. MPTA Dues - A portion of the Michigan Public Transit Association dues are ineligible. The percentage of ineligible expense for the MPTA dues for fiscal year 2006 is 6.8%.	54	54		
5. Audit Cost - The cost of the annual audit is an ineligible expense per OMB Circular A-133 if the Transit expended less than \$500,000 in federal funds. The audit cost remains eligible for Act 51 reimbursement.	5,000	-		
6. Entertainment and Gifts - Entertainment expenses are ineligible expenses per the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual and are subtracted out as such.	827	827		

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## REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

Board of Directors Delta Area Transit Authority Escanaba, Michigan 49829

We have audited the financial statements of the Delta Area Transit Authority for the year ended September 30, 2006, and have issued our reports thereon dated November 21, 2006. Our professional standards require that we make several communications to you, the purpose of which is to assist you with additional information regarding the scope and results of the audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

## Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

Our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, irregularities, or illegal acts, including fraud and defalcations, may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control structure of the Delta Area Transit Authority. Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for safeguarding assets and for maintaining the structure of the internal control system to help assure the proper recording of transactions. Our consideration of the system of internal control was solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control structure.

## Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement, we will advise management of the appropriateness of the accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Delta Area Transit Authority are described in Note A of the financial statements.

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## Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies were not changed during the fiscal year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Delta Area Transit Authority during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

## Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Some accounting estimates are utilized in financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of the estimates are based on reviewing and testing the historical data provided by management and using this data to compute the estimates. The most significant estimate would be the useful lives of equipment and fixed assets. These estimates are based on the Michigan Department of Transportation useful life quidelines.

## Significant Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a significant audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. Our audit adjustments, individually and in the aggregate, do have a significant effect on the financial reporting process.

The audit adjustments that, in our judgement, indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Transit's financial reporting process were to reconcile most of the balance sheet accounts to the actual detail. These adjustments were necessary due to a lack of internal balance sheet reconciliation being done throughout the year. All adjustments made have been posted by the Transit. Our recommendations regarding this matter are addressed in the attached memorandum.

## Disagreement with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether significant or not resolved to our satisfaction concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### Consultation with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about accounting and auditing matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Delta Area Transit Authority or a determin-

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ation of the type of auditor's opinion to be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to advise us as to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

## Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in the performance of our audit.

## Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Transit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Delta Area Transit Authority, for the year ended September 30, 2006, we considered the Transit's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated November 21, 2006, on the financial statements of the Delta Area Transit Authority.

We have already discussed these comments and suggestions with various Transit personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board and management of the Transit and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Certified Public Accountants

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November 21, 2006

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

September 30, 2006

#### SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Because of limited personnel and because the general ledger reconciliations were not performed during the year we recommend that the board consider retaining an outside commercial accountant to perform general ledger functions as well as bank reconciliation functions. We feel consideration of the matter is warranted due to the limited number of staff available to perform the accounting functions while maintaining an appropriate level of segregation of duties. With the executive director performing many of the accounting functions segregation of duties with respect to physical asset control and asset accounting is limited.

#### CREDIT CARD POLICY

We noted during our audit that the Transit has no credit card policy. We recommend that one be established that specifically outlines who is authorized to use the credit card, the dollar amounts allowed and the approval process. We also recommend that all receipt documentation for the use of the credit card be maintained with the credit card statement to verify appropriate credit card usage and payment.

## GENERAL LEDGER POSTING

During our audit we noted that several adjustments to the general ledger were made to the prior year after our audit was complete. We recommend that once the fiscal year is closed out and the audit is complete that no further entries be posted to that closed out fiscal year.

#### INVENTORY LISTING

We noted during our audit that the parts inventory list was not completely updated. We recommend that this list be completely updated on a no less than annual basis.

#### REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

## GENERAL LEDGER RECONCILIATION

We noted during our audit that no reconciliation was being done between the detail records and the general ledger. This reconciliation should be done on a monthly basis for all balance sheet accounts. Without this reconciliation you have eliminated the usefulness of the double-entry accounting system that is in place.